

Public Services – Madanapalle Municipality - Disciplinary Proceedings initiated on the allegation of violation of rules, misappropriation of funds and irregularities in implementation of B.P.S. Scheme in Madanapalle Municipality, Chittoor District against Smt. K. Shakuntala, the then Municipal Commissioner, Madanapalle Municipality, Chittoor District under Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Enquiry conducted – Penalty of withholding of one Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect – Imposed -Orders - Issued.

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G.O.Rt.No.19

Dated:10.01.2022
Read the following:-

- 1) From the D.G. V&E V.Report No.13 (C.No.1585/ V&E/D1/2013, dated 18-03-2017.
- 2) From the CDMA, Guntur, Lr.Roc.No.R-827283/2017/C3-2, dt.14.12.2017
- 3) G.O.Rt.No.28 MA&UD (Vig.III) Dept., dt.5.01.2018
- 4) From the DMA, AP, Guntur, Lr.Roc.No.R-827283/2017/C3, dt.19.03.2018
- 5) G.O.Rt.No.538 MA & UD (Vig.III-2) Dept., dt.21.05.2018.
- 6) From the Inquiring Authority Lr.Roc.No.279818 (202)/2019/A1, dt.18.09.2021
- 7) Govt.Memo No.560171/Vig.III/2017, Dt.12.11.2021
- 8) Written representation of Smt K.Sakunthala, the then MC, Madanapalle Municipality, dt.28.11.2021.

ORDER:

Based on the report of Vigilance & Enforcement Department, vide reference 1st read above, the Director of Municipal Administration, AP, Guntur, furnished the Draft Articles of Charges, vide reference 2nd read above. Government issued article of charges to Smt. K. Shakuntala, the then Municipal Commissioner, Madanapalle Municipality on the allegation of violation of rules, misappropriation of funds and irregularities in implementation of B.P.S. Scheme in Madanapalle Municipality, Chittoor District with a request to submit her written statement of defence, vide reference 3rd read above.

2. In the reference 4th read above, the CDMA., furnished dated acknowledgement of served charge memo against the Charged Officer and requested to take necessary action in the matter. After following due procedure, Government appointed Sri R.Ravindra Babu, RDMA, Ananthapuram, as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against the charged officer, vide reference 5th read above.

3. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiry Officer has submitted the enquiry report and held that out of (8) charges, four (4) charges were proved and one (1) charge is partly proved against Smt. K. Shakuntala, the then MC, Madanapalle Municipality during the enquiry.

4. Government have examined the Inquiry Report and accepted the findings of Inquiring Authority. In the reference 7th read above, under Rule 21(2) of A.P.C.S.(CC&A) Rules,1991, a copy of enquiry report has been communicated to the charged officer for offering her written representation. Smt. K. Shakuntala, the then MC, Madanapalle Municipality has submitted her written representation stating that the DG(V&E) in his report dt.26.3.2017 specifically informed that they verified from the records and noticed that out of (42) allegations made by the petitioner in two Lokayukta Petitions, 12 allegations were proved and the

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proved. It is pertinent to mention that during the Inquiry, only procedural lapses were identified in these (12) proved allegations and there is no financial loss to the Government/Municipality directly and indirectly. She has given her reply on the each findings of Inquiry Officer and requested to exonerate her from all the charges, vide reference 8th read above.

5. Government, have examined the written representation of the Charged Officer and observed that, the V&E Department in their Inquiry Report also held that there is no loss to the Municipality and to Government but the Charged Officer violated the orders/rules in execution of works. It was also found from the findings of I.A and written representation of Delinquent Officer only procedural irregularities were occurred which are in the interest of Public convenience and on emergency nature of works. It was also mentioned by the Charged Officer that she took steps to proceed works on administrative reasons but not intentionally violated the rules in force.

6. Government after careful consideration of the matter, hereby decided to impose a penalty of withholding of one Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect against Smt. K. Shakuntala, the then Municipal Commissioner, Madanapalle Municipality in terms of Rule-9 of APCS(CCA) Rules, 1991, since procedural irregularities were occurred in the matter.

7. Accordingly, Government hereby impose a penalty of "withholding of one Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect" against Smt. K. Shakuntala, the then Municipal Commissioner, Madanapalle Municipality, in terms of Rule-9 of APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991.

8. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, AP, Guntur shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri Smt. K. Shakuntala, the then MC, Madanapalle Municipality, Chittoor District - through the CDMA, AP, Guntur.

The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P, Guntur.

The Deputy Registrar, Hon'ble A.P.Lokayukta, Hyderabad.

(w.r.t.Lokayukta Case Nos.530/2012/B2 & 373/2012/B2)

Copy to:

The RDMA, Anantapur.

The Commissioner, Madanapalle Municipality, Chittoor District.

The Vigilance Commissioner, APVC, 5th Block, A.P.Secretariat.

The PS to M (MA & UD).

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